

Abstract of the Disclosure

A flat lamp and a method of driving the same are provided. The flat lamp includes a front panel and a rear panel, which are spaced a predetermined distance apart from each other and hermetically sealed, and a spacer, which is provided
5 between the front panel and the rear panel to maintain the front and rear panels separated by the predetermined distance and secure a discharge space. A predetermined discharge gas exists in the discharge space, and a fluorescent layer is formed on an inner surface of at least one of the front and rear panels. In the flat lamp, a plurality of electrode groups, each of which includes at least three electrodes,
10 are provided in the rear panel.